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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR CAMBODIAN NOMINEES FOR ILEA
"NARCOTICS UNIT COMMANDERS" COURSE IN BANGKOK

REF: STATE 11844

¶1. This is an action cable. See Paragraph Six.

¶2. Reftel is guidance for screening nominees for U.S.-sponsored training programs.

¶3. Post requests a Leahy vetting response from the Department by March 27, 2009. The individuals listed below will attend ILEA Narcotics Unit Commanders Course scheduled for May 4 - May 14, 2009 with report date of May 3, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand. To comply with the Leahy amendment relative to U.S.-sponsored security assistance training, the U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh conducted local human rights vetting for the following individuals selected for ILEA-funded training:

NOMINEES:

NAME: EAV, Bunleng (Male)
DPOB: April 16, 1962; Kandal
POSITION: Deputy Office Chief
RANK: Maj.
DEPT/UNIT: Ministry of Interior, Royal Police Academy

NAME: SOK, Muth (Male)
DPOB: May 01, 1956; Kampong Cham
POSITION: Office Chief
RANK: Lt. Col.
DEPT/UNIT: Ministry of Interior, Anti-Drug Department

NAME: CHOUP, Sambo (Male)
DPOB: April 1, 1962; Phnom Penh
POSITION: Office Chief
RANK: Lt. Col.
DEPT/UNIT: Ministry of Interior, Anti-Drug Department

NAME: CHHIN, Ty (Male)
DPOB: October 11, 1983; Koh Kong
POSITION: Section Chief
RANK: Lt.
DEPT/UNIT: Ministry of Interior, Royal Police Academy

ALTERNATES:

NAME: NGET, Norn (Male)
DPOB: June 15, 1967; Kampong Speu
POSITION: Office Chief
RANK: Lt. Col.
DEPT/UNIT: Ministry of Interior, Kampong Speu Provincial Police

NAME: MEN, Sophal (Male)
DPOB: April 4, 1959; Takeo
POSITION: Office Chief
RANK: Lt. Col.
DEPT/UNIT: Ministry of Interior, Takeo Provincial Police

¶4. U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has reviewed its files and finds that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the above-mentioned individuals.

¶5. The individuals listed above will attend ILEA Narcotics Unit Commanders Course scheduled for May 4 - May 14, 2009 with report date of May 3, 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand. The narcotics unit commander course is designed to enhance the capabilities of police officials assigned to supervise drug enforcement units.

¶6. Please verify whether the Department possesses any credible information that the individuals named above have been implicated in gross violations of human rights. Post requests a Leahy vetting response from the Department by March 27, 2009.

¶7. Point of contact for Amembassy Phnom Penh is Janet Deutsch at deutschje@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-118, or Alicia Gale at galean@state.gov or tel: 855-023-728-110.

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